



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Request for Continued Examination
for application of

Kayahara, Naoki

Serial No: 09/821,328

Filed: March 29, 2001

For: RETRIEVAL OBJECT MAP
GENERATING METHOD, RETRIEVAL
OBJECT MAP GENERATING SYSTEM
RETRIEVING METHOD, RETRIEVING
SYSTEM, A COMPUTER-READABLE
MEDIUM HAVING A RETRIEVING
PROGRAM, IMAGE MAP GENERATING
METHOD, IMAGE MAP GENERATING
SYSTEM, IMAGE RETRIEVING METHOD,
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Art Unit: 2172

Examiner: FLEURANTIN, JEAN

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

DATA (as amended)

COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM

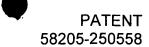
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COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM HAVING

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated October 21, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, the period of response being extended to February 23, 2004, by the accompanying one-month petition for extension of time and associated fee, (Monday, February 23, 2004 being the first business day after the 4-month



response time of Saturday, February 21, 2004), please accept this Request for Continued Examination and enter and consider the following preliminary amendment and remarks.

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